Oil Production

1170. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATUTAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that production of oil is likely to suffer on account of current production of Gas by the ONGC from the South Basin Gas fields, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what steps are proposed to be taken to arrest the fall in the production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

गुजरात में एल० पी० जी० पाईप लाइनों का बिछाया जाना

1171. **श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनन्दन जैन** : क्या पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार गुजरात राज्य में अहमदाबाद, बड़ौदा, सूरत, राजकोट और गांधीधाम में एल पी जी पाइपलाइनें बिछाने पर विचार रखती है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है,

(ग) इन शहरों में ये पाइप लाइनें कब तक बिछा दी जाएंगी, और

(घ) इन शहरों में उपभोक्ताओं को इन पाईप लाइनों के जरिए कब तक एल०पी०जी० किये जाने का प्रस्ताव है ?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) गुजरात राज्य के अहमदाबाद, बड़ौदा, सूरत, राजकोट और गांधीधाम शहरों में पाइपलाइन के माध्यम से एल०पी०जी० की आपूर्ति करने का फिलहाल कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Alleged Fraud in ONGC'S Regional Office at Madras

1172. SHRI SOM PAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the news report about Rs. 34 lakh fraud in the regional office of ONGC at Madras published by the Indian Express of 16 December, 1993 is correct;

(b) if so, whether some high level enquiry has been ordered into the matter; and

(c) if so, what are the finding thereof; who are the officials involved in the bungling and what action has been taken or is being taken against them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHATMA) : (a) to (c) The news report has been seen. A high level departmental enquiry has been ordered by ONGC Ltd. The CBI, Madras has also registered a case against S/Shri P. S. Swaminathan, F & AO, M. K. Dange, DD (F&A) and H.S. Harit, JD (F&A) of ONGC.

Bids for Oil Blocks

1173. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 20 bids have been received for 12 oil blocks against 46 offered in the sixth round of biddings;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are no takers for 34 out of 46 blocks; and

(c) what is Governemnt's reaction thereto and the steps proposed to be taken for exploration of these blocks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The blocks for which no bids have been received would be offered again in future rounds of bidding. Further seismic and other geological data would also be acquired in these blocks to improve the